(viii) to work as an apex institution for coordination and monitoring the work of all Corporations/Boards set up by the State Government/UT Adms. for SC/ST, Backward Classes and Minorities in so far as it relates to the economic development of the backward classes;

(ix) to help in furthering the government policies and programmes for the development of the backward classes.

Backwardness of Muslims in the country

483. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the socio-economic and educational backwardness of Muslims in the country, especially in the Hindi belt;

(b) whether Government propose to take some effective measures to ameliorate the conditions of Muslims; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is being implemented. A statement in regard to the action taken is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details on the Status of action taken on 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
1	2	3
Point Nos. 1, 2 & 3		
Posting of District officials in communally sensitive areas.	Revised and comprehensive guidelines to be issued to State Governments.	Revised guidelines on promotin of communal harmony circulated to State Governments in April, 1990.
Rewarding District and police officials for good work.	Do.	Do.
Action against persons inciting communal tension or taking part in violence.	Do.	Do.
Point No. 4		
Setting up of Special Courts to try communal offences.	Special courts will be set up exclusively to try communal offences in where there have been outbreaks of large scale communal violence	Guidelines issued to States/UTs. Special Courts already constituted in Delhi Meerut, Bhagalpur, Kota and Jaipur.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
Point No. 5		
Ex-gratia relief to riot victims	Guideline to issue to the State Governments on revising upwards the amount of ex-gratia grants in cases of death/permanent incapacitation from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000/- and on pension of Rs. 500/- p.m. to widows of riot victims with low income.	Revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony issued to State Governments in April, 1990 also include these items.
Point No. 6		
Role of Radio/TV in maintaining communal harmony.	Special features highlighting mutual help between communities during riots, serials on the need for communal harmony, Special Programmes with different communities participation etc. to be broadcast/telecast.	Special features covering these programmes are being commissioned.
Point No. 7		
Publication of objectionable and inflammatory material action against editors etc.	Specific measures might be considered in this regard.	The State Governments are advised from time to time to be vigilant on this count.
Point Nos. 8, 9 & 10		
Recruitment in State Police Forces. Recruitment in Central Police Organisations. Recruitment in Govt./Public Sector/Banks etc.	Recruitment drives for Police Forces, raising of composite batallion for law & order duties special training/ orientation programmes for Police personnel for maintaining communal harmony, monitoring composition of recruitment boards in Govt./Public Sector Orgn./Banks and monitoring representation of minorities in Govt./Banks/Public Sector Orgns. through sample surveys.	State Govts. requested to ensure better representation of minorities in State Police Forces, raising of composite batallion and special training/ programmes for Police Forces. Central Ministries Deptts. requested reg. sample surveys on representation of minorities in recruitment and in Recruitment Boards/Selection Committees/Commissions etc.
Point Nos. 11 & 12		
Technical Education and Pre-examination training.	1. Spread of Technical Education in appropriate technologies and skills relevant to the minorities through extension centres of community polytechnics.	All 41 minority concentration districts have been covered under the Scheme of Community Polytechnics.
	2. Re-orienting/upgrading training in ITIs in minority concentration distts. by adding relevant trade for minority artisans and workers.	Nine minority concentration distts. covered under the Scheme during 1990-91. 17 will be covered during 1991-92.

Points in the 15-Points Programme	Action Points	Present State
	3. Pre-examination training Scheme for various recruitment/entrance examinations through appropriate voluntary Organisations.	36 Pre-Examination Coaching /Traning centres were sanctioned during 1990-91 under the Scheme.
	4. Re-organising and expanding the UGC Scheme of coaching in minority colleges/Universities.	UGC Scheme is under implementation in 20 Universities and 33 colleges.
Point No. 13	*Handicrafts*	—
Fair and adequate share of benefits.	Package Programme for handicraft in minority concentration distts/areas.	The Craft Dev. Centres at Agra (Marble inlay/Stone work), Hyderabad (Bidri Work) and Howrah (Chiken work) set up during 1990-91.
		Plant for Metal Handicraft Training Centre has been functioning at Moradabad Design Dev. Project for Wood Carving has been launched at Saharanpur.
	Handlooms	
	Intensive Programme for Handloom Development in Minority concentration distts. would be taken up.	Cannanore, Calicut Distts. and Sonitour in Nadia covered under the project package, Murshidabad is to be covered.
	Special Programmes for rehabilitation of handloom weavers in areas affected by communal riots in Bhagalpur and Meerut.	A Special Programme has been taken up. New pitlooms have been provided to 852 handloom weavers in Bhagalpur, Rs. 22.54 lakhs distributed as margin money and interest subsidy to 493 beneficiaries, and financial assistance of Rs. 41·82 lakhs for worksheed-cum-Houses provided to 473 persons.
	Small Scale Industry	
	(a) Setting up of Common Facility Centres/ prototype Development Centres.	(a) Effective steps taken to start Common Facility Centres/Prototype Dev. Centres at Aligarh and Howrah for lock, leather suit case and needle making industries.
	(b) Sponsoring Scheme for small industries.	(b) Action Plan prepared by State Governments for sponsoring schemes for small industries. Action initiated on training programmes under Distt. Industries Centre/Self-employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth.

Points in the 15-Points Programme	Action Points	Presents Status
	(c) Special Programmes under TRYSEM For training artisans/EDPs,	(c) Special programme under TRYSEM for training artisan formulatd by almost all States. The Action plans for States cover Entrepreneural Dev. Programmes for members of minority communities, also. 6888 minority artisans trained dering January '90-Sept. 91 which helped in establishment of 9884 new units.
	Khadi and Village Industries	
	Special allocation of funds and Special Programmes for rural artisans.	Action Plan propposed by State Govts. in respect of Khadi and Village Industries Board. Funds of Rs. 13.17 crores provided to all States KVI Boards for implementing the Action Plans, KVI Commission has set up a minority evaluation Cell.
	IRDP/TRYSEM	
	Better utilisation of Programme for self-employment/ training.	State Govt. to prepare distt-wise action plan for minority concentration distts, keeping in view local special occupation/ trades. Action Plans already formulated by Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh' Gujarat' Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.
	Credit Support	
	Programme for availability of credit in minority concentration distt.	By March, 91, 213 branches opened in minority concentration distt. 98 additional centres identified.
Point Nos. 14&15		
Redressal of Grievances' removal of encroachment of Wakf properties etc,	Taking steps to deal with problems relating to encroachment on Wakf properties/graveyards etc. for redressal of grievances on an expeditious and satisfactory basis.	Instructions have been issued to State Govts. in this regard, from time to time.